LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE

EASY-TO-PLAY

ALL WHITE KEYS

C FAMILY CHORDS

The Easy ‘All White Keys’ C Family Chords

If you play the white notes from one C note to another (from LEFT to RIGHT) you will have played the scale of C (major)... **C D E F G A B C**

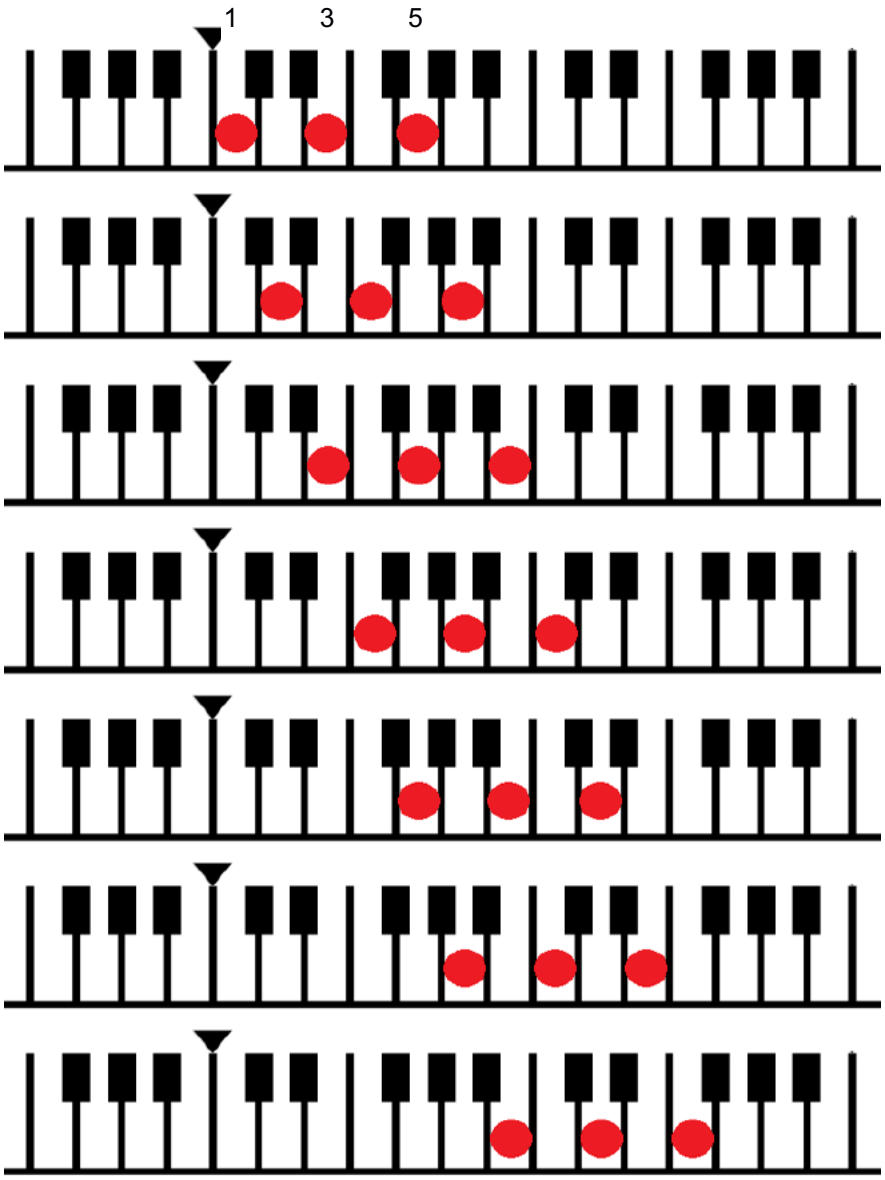
A chord can be built on each of these notes, giving you seven chords. Three are called major chords, three are minor chords and one is a ‘diminished’ chord.

DON’T WORRY WHY – JUST MEMORIZE!

Here are the chords.

(The major chords don’t use any symbol for major, i.e. C Major is written simply as C)

RIGHT HAND



PLAY AND SAY

C

Dm (minor)

Em (minor)

F

G

Am (minor)

B° (diminished)

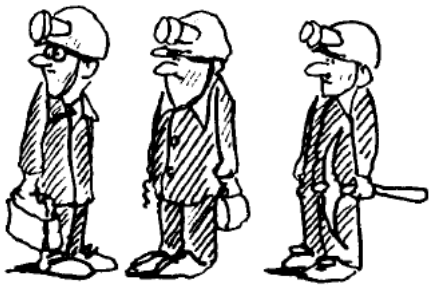
How to memorize the C Family Chords

It is really helpful to **memorize** all the chords you learn so that you can play them the instant you see them written in a song

The 7 chords in the C Family are really easy to remember

There are **3 MAJORS,** **3 MINORS,** **and** **1 'DIMINISHED'**

3 MAJORS
C F G



3 MINORS
Dm Em Am

1 'DIMINISHED'
B^{o}

Use the word '**D E A D**' to help you remember the **3 MINOR** chords

Then remember that the **DIMINISHED** chord is the LAST one in the scale
(the last born - the **baby** of the family)

Then the three that are left are the MAJORS
(And the first chord - the HEAD of the Family is of course a MAJOR)

PLAY THEM AND SAY THEM...

C Dm Em F G Am B^{o}